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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

WANG et al.

Application No.: 09/870,353

Filed: May 30, 2001

For: IMPROVED NUCLEIC ACID
MODIFYING ENZYMES

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8319

Examiner: Richard Hutson

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Submitted herewith is a petition with fee authorization for a three month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.